

To every time there is a season ...

A career change in this Lynn County woman's life has moved her from the world of interior decorating to the dusty cotton fields, where she loves driving her tractor and planning, planting and harvesting her crops. Margaret Cox, a cotton producer near O'Donnell, says she finds "true peace" in the field and doesn't mind getting her hands dirty every day. See story inside.

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Jimmy Wright To Resign As Lynn County Attorney

by JUANELL JONES

It's awaiting the official signature of Lynn County Attorney Jimmy Wright, but an agreement apparently has been reached between Lynn County and Wright which stipulates the resignation of the County Attorney at midnight on December 31, 1998.

The document also states that he will not be expected to perform, nor shall he perform, any further duties as County Attorney of Lynn County. His salary will be paid through Dec. 31, including health insurance premiums and retirement system contributions made by Lynn County. Commissioners agreed in the settlement to continue paying health insurance premiums on Wright at a rate of \$218.69 per month under the county's health insurance policy through June 1999.

The insurance premium, which does not include dependents, amounts to \$1312.14 for the six-month period after Wright's resignation. Wright may personally, however, continue paying dependent health insurance

premiums in addition to his own coverage.

District Attorney Ricky Smith presented the settlement document to commissioners at their regular meeting Monday morning, following a special session last Thursday afternoon. Commissioners said Wright's attorney had asked for a settlement which included further health insurance premiums, but commissioners rejected the proposal, instead making a counter-offer which included only six months of health insurance following the resignation.

The settlement agreement was unanimously approved and signed Monday morning by all four Lynn County Commissioners, Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon and District Attorney Smith, petitioners in a suit for the removal of Wright and his attorney, Dan Hurley. County officials expect those signatures soon, as the word from Wright's attorney is that the settlement terms are agreeable.

In signing the document, Wright

agrees to waive any potential claim against the county under the Americans With Disability Act. The county, in turn, agrees to pursue no further legal action against Wright in relation to the current matter.

Commissioners recently named Lamesa attorney Jay Napper as interim county attorney for Lynn County, through the end of December, to assist with legal matters. Napper could be officially appointed to fulfill Wright's unexpired term of office until the next general election.

In other business at Monday's regular commissioner meeting, monthly bills were approved and a motion to purchase two new Sheriff's Department vehicles was unanimously approved. Two 1999 Ford Crown Victorias were purchased downstate through a law enforcement vehicle purchasing agreement of which Lynn County is a member.

Present at the meetings were all four commissioners, including Don Morton, Mike Braddock, J.T. Miller and Sandy Cox-Kizer, and Judge Brandon.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 18	79	40	
Nov. 19	69	47	
Nov. 20	51	38	
Nov. 21	68	38	
Nov. 22	79	40	
Nov. 23	73	42	
Precip. for Nov. to date: .36"			
Precip. for 1998 to date: 11.38"			
This time last year to date: 22.70"			

Gruver Next Foe For High-Flying Eagles

The O'Donnell Eagles enjoyed playing on the artificial turf at Odessa last Friday as they came from behind and then soared to a 34-14 victory over Wink in a Class A area playoff game.

Coach Kyle Spiller's Eagles, now 10-1 for the year, will take to the artificial turf again at 2 p.m. Friday when they line up against the Gruver Greyhounds at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo for the regional semifinal football game. The game will be broadcast on radio station KPET 690 AM, sponsored by First National Bank of O'Donnell.

Gruver, 8-3 for the season, beat Springlake-Earth 28-6 in an area playoff game at White Deer last Friday.

Wink scored in the first quarter at Odessa Friday to take a 6-0 lead as Doro Mendoza ran 1 yard, but the Eagles scored the next 34 points, including two touchdowns by the defense, to win the game despite a 201-yard passing attack launched by Wildcats quarterback Justin Hamm.

QB Manny Gutierrez pulled O'Donnell even with a 10-yard run in the second quarter and scored again on a 1-yard run just before halftime.

His 2-point pass to Jonathan Reed gave O'Donnell a 14-6 halftime lead.

Tatum Bessire also scored two touchdowns for the Eagles, his first on a 36-yard return of a fumble early in the third period. He added a 59-yard scoring run in the fourth period and Ramiro Montez caught a 2-point pass from Gutierrez for a 28-6 lead. Jesus Villa scored O'Donnell's last touchdown, returning an intercepted pass 64 yards.

Wink added a touchdown with Mendoza's 12-yard run and Hamm ran for 2 near the end of the game.

Bessire ran for 166 yards in 18 carries and Albert Gloria gained 90 yards in 12 efforts and caught 3 passes for 57 yards. Gutierrez gained 27 in 9 carries and completed 7 of 10 passes for 100 yards, with no interceptions.

GAME AT A GLANCE

O'DONNELL	WINK
15 first downs	21
290 yds. rushing	120
100 yds. passing	201
7-10-0 completed by	13-39-2
5-40.8 punts, avg.	4-33.5
1 fumbles lost	1
6-73 penalties	4-35

Last Chance To Return Videos, Or Face Arrest, Says Police

This week is the final grace period for those involved in any of approximately 15 cases of theft of videos and/or equipment from Jolly Time Video during the last year, says Tahoka Police Chief Steve Chance, because next Wednesday law officers will begin arresting the perpetrators.

Chief Chance said that arrest can be avoided if those who did not return videos and/or equipment will contact Jolly Time and make arrangements to return the equipment and pay late fees.

"We have been patient for as long as we can, and Jolly Time has been patient and understanding and willing to work with those who owed large late fees," explained the chief. "But theft is theft, and if they haven't made arrangements by next Wednesday with Jolly Time we will seek warrants on these people and arrest them. Then not only will they have to return the equipment and pay the late fees to Jolly Time, they will also face jail time and other additional fees," he said.



FIRE DESTROYS HOME - Tahoka Volunteer Firemen are shown here donning their facemasks and oxygen equipment prior to entering this smoldering mobile home last Friday morning. The fire department responded to a call at 10:39 a.m. Nov. 20 to the home of Maria and Romero Garza just outside the city limits of Tahoka, on the access road to Highway 87 just south of the cemetery overpass. The home was completely destroyed by fire, but no injuries were reported. No information was available as to the cause of the fire. According to Lynn County Sheriff's Office, the family has three children, and the Red Cross was called for assistance for the family. (LCN PHOTO)

EMT Class To Be Held

Lynn County Hospital is sponsoring an EMT class which will begin in January. The class will be held at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

Anyone interested in taking the class, or needing more information, should contact Jeanie Stone at 998-4533.

Happy Thanksgiving



The staff at The Lynn County News counts our subscribers and customers among our many blessings, and extends prayers of happiness and health to the wonderful people of Lynn County.

Community Christmas Musical Set Dec. 6

A "Community Christmas Musical" will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka. The public is invited to attend the event.

The musical will feature a combined community choir from area churches, which will sing a medley of Christmas hymns. The choir will meet at the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. for rehearsals.

In addition, interested groups and individuals are invited to perform Christmas songs. Those wishing to participate may call 998-4503 or 998-4786. Due to time constraints, each group or individual will be limited to one selection.

"We are excited about this opportunity for our community to get together, to hear the Scriptures about the Christmas story, and to sing the songs of the season," said Marvin Gregory, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

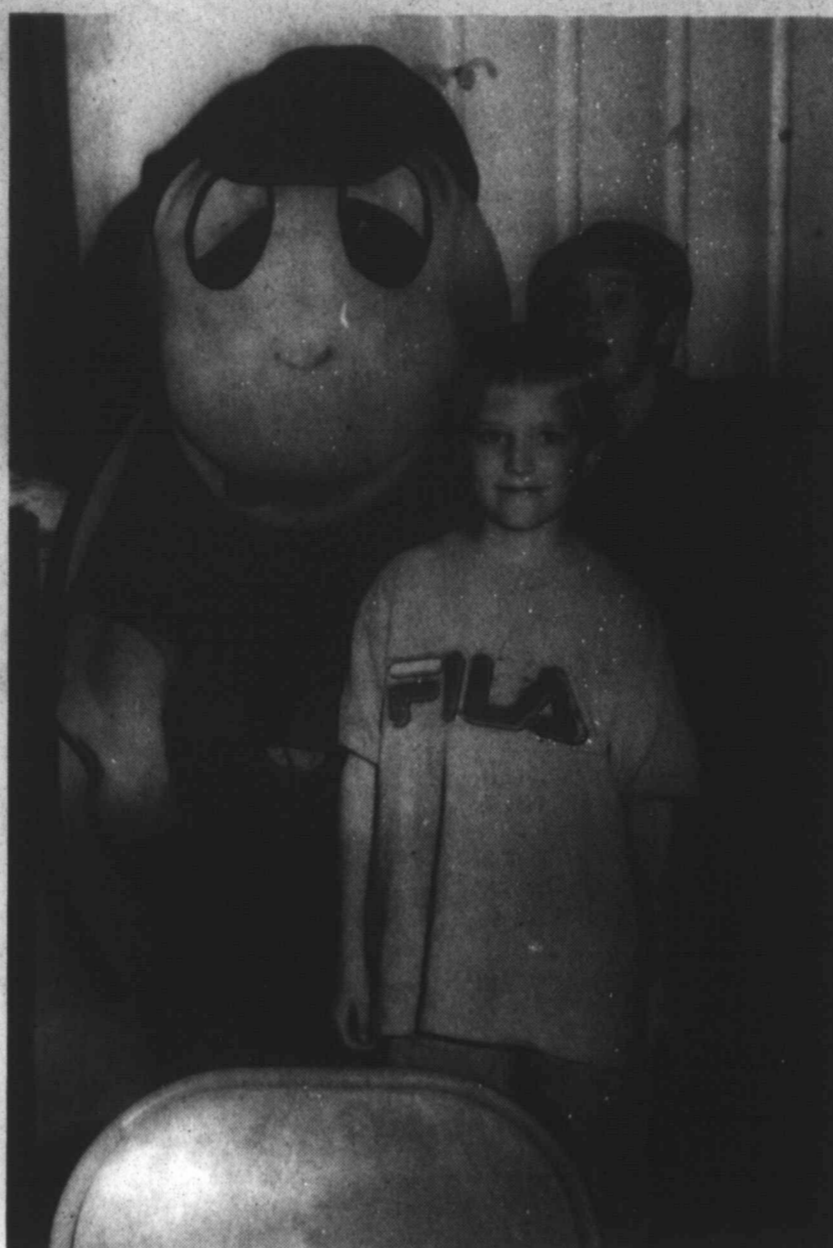
Phebe K. Warner Club To Sponsor Christmas Greeting

The Phebe K. Warner Club will sponsor the Community Christmas Greeting, which will be published in *The Lynn County News*, again this year.

"It is an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another at Christmas by contributing their Christmas card money to the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds," said a club member.

Total contributions will be divided equally between the two scholarship funds, unless otherwise specified. Everyone is invited to take part in the scholarship fundraiser.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka, or call Madeline Hegi at 998-4851, or other members of Phebe K. Warner Club to pick up a donation. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 18.



BIG CRICKET — Davy Cricket, mascot of the The Crickets baseball team in Lubbock, stands with Tahoka Elementary students Kyle Simms and Levi McCay at the recent County-Wide Health Fair held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym last Thursday. The fair, which was sponsored by the Lynn County Hospital, was attended by over 350 children and adults. (LCN PHOTO)

WOODWORK by Dalton

EVERY TIME I write anything about cats, I get into trouble, because I am not fond of cats, and just about everybody else apparently loves their cats, and some have even indicated they would like to bring their cats over to scratch my eyes out. So I'll just keep my cat comments brief and hopefully, less inflammatory.

Don Marquis, who wrote stories as archy the cockroach, jumping up and down at night on the typewriter keyboard, used to talk about a cat named mehitabel (no capitals in archy's stories because the little varmint couldn't jump hard enough to lock down the shift key). Morals were no problem for mehitabel, said archy, "because she ain't got any."

Cats meow, hiss, spit and purr. They have done this throughout hiss-tory.

On the radio the other day, some person was warning cat owners that if they leave their cats outside all the time, they may get a form of AIDS or even a type of cat leukemia. So don't leave them outside. You could wind up with a really bad feline. An epidemic of AIDS among cats could be cat-astrophic.

THOUGHTS on Thanksgiving: Warning: Some wives and grandmothers, tired of cooking all that stuff, may be tempted to leave the turkey sitting around the kitchen unrefrigerated, which health professionals keep telling us may poison everyone who eats it. This would mean that fixing Thanksgiving dinner next year would be a lot easier, with fewer folks around to eat it.

Thanksgiving is a holiday from work, which means a lot to most people, but not so much to those who are retired and don't work all those other days either. And if you happen to be the cook, you have to work on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving started with the Pilgrims, a bunch of people who worked hard and wore funny hats and started good traditions, some of which over the years have been changed by politicians into bad practices. Some pessimist suggested once that this nation would have been better off if Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrims instead of vice versa.

However, this still is the best nation on earth, the very best place to live, and we can all be thankful for that.

THE DUFFER on Ave. D says if you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. And Jack Benny is credited with saying, "Give me golf clubs, the fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the golf clubs and fresh air."

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by Richard North Patterson

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Kerry is haunted by the tragedy of his older brother, a presidential candidate who was assassinated 12 years earlier; the rumor that he had an extramarital affair with a reporter; and is being stalked by a right-to-life fanatic who has already murdered three people.

The narrative includes scenes from Kerry's past including his drunken and abusive father and his low self-image.

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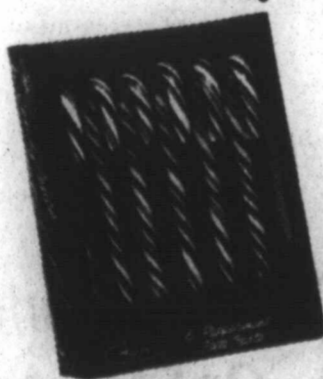


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Major Marilyn Jones Trades Fortune 500 Company For Air Force

by Anna Nixon
AF Public Affairs
(Editor's Note: The following article was printed in a Sept. 11, 1998 Air Force publication called "Mach Meter." The story is about Maj. Marilyn Jones, granddaughter of Jessie Lee Denzy of Tahoka, and niece of Julia Mae and Ruby Denzy, also of Tahoka.)



MAJ. MARILYN JONES

Whether it be lifting weights, teaching aerobics or commanding a squadron, Maj. Marilyn Jones seeks challenges.

That's the reason the 27th Logistics Support Squadron's newest commander was commissioned into the Air Force. "I was interested in the challenges the Air Force provides," Jones explained. "No other branch of the military ever entered my mind."

But her decision to come into the military was not something Jones jumped into right out of high school. Jones was born in Tahoka, and grew up in Lubbock. She attended Texas Tech University, graduating with a degree in broadcast journalism—a far cry from the world she is in today.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peppers, now retired, were both in the education field. Her father was a principal, and her mother was a teacher. Many other family members are also educators, but Jones said, "Teaching didn't appeal to me. I just prefer being in positions where

I'm not tied to a desk." Jones went to work for a Fortune 500 company as a technical writer after college. The technical writing job gave her an opportunity to experience hands-on what she had to write about. Along the way, she filled numerous positions in the company, including writing technical manuals and working as a purchasing agent.

In 1984, after seven years of working for the company, she visited an Air Force recruiter to see what the military had to offer someone of her talents. "I thought I'd be assigned to public affairs or contracting. I never dreamed I'd be in logistics plans, but have found the career field offers the diversity I prefer," she said.

After attending Officer Training School for 12 weeks, it was off to technical school at Lowry AFB, Colo. Her first assignment was to be chief of resource plans division at the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing at Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., as a second lieutenant.

Logistics plans proved to be the challenge Jones was looking for. Before she could bite her teeth into the assignment, she received a taste of things to come. After only a few months on base, she was sent TDY to a German Naval Air Station to re-deploy 250 people back to Myrtle Beach.

The pace continued and she remained in South Carolina two years before going to her next assignment, again as chief of resource plans division, at the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing at Royal AF, Upper Heyford, U.K. While stationed at Upper Heyford, she received her masters of business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N.J.

Jones said she took her classes on the base, but the professors came from the prestigious Oxford University to instruct. "It was like going to Oxford but receiving a degree from an American university. We had full access to the Oxford campus," she explained.

Three years later, she found herself at Langley AFB, Va., as chief of mobility procedures at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command. After a year

on the Tactical Air Command staff, she spent the next three years as a logistics plans inspector on the Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command Inspector General team.

From August 1993 to March 1995, Jones participated in the logistics career-broadening program at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Ga. She later became the C-130 depot maintenance supervisor from March 1995 until June 1996. She was promoted to the rank of major while at Robins.

Prior to arriving at Cannon, Jones was the chief of the combat support center at Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. from June 1996 to June 1998.

Jones is excited about being at Cannon, not only because she is physically closer to her family, who still reside in Lubbock, but also because of the people at Cannon. "People at Cannon are eager to do their jobs," she said.

On a more personal note: Jones has one son, Marcel, 19, a business major at Thomas Nelson College in Hampton, Va.

She enjoys reading all kinds of books, but after tackling Washington, D.C. traffic for two years, she discovered audio tapes and listens to them often. Jones also enjoys lifting weights and is a certified aerobics instructor and personal trainer.

Obituaries

William Gary Bowles

Services for William Gary Bowles, 55, of Brenham were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Interment followed in Restland Memorial Park.

He died Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998.

He was born March 8, 1943 in Yuma, Ariz. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a field supervisor for Exxon.

Survivors include his wife, Therlehe Mahurin Bowles of Dallas; two sons, Casey Flynn of Euless, and Gary Ty, of Dallas; his mother, Louis Harp Bowles Ballew of O'Donnell; and a brother, James Wayne of Cedar Hill.

Jose Garza

Rosary for Jose B. Garza, 84, of Tahoka was at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, in St. Jude Catholic Church.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 in the same church with the Rev. Bert Mead officiating. Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Garza died Friday, Nov. 20, 1998, in Tahoka.

He was born May 17, 1914, in San Saba. He married Inez DeLeon in 1933, in San Patricio County. She died in 1983. He moved to O'Donnell from Mathis in 1946. He was a Catholic and a farmer.

Survivors include three sons, Santos of Wilson, Ramon of Brownfield and Juan Jose of O'Donnell; eight daughters, Lupe DeLosSantos Moya and Refugia Moya, both of O'Donnell, Josephine Flores of Post, Juanita Garcia of Dallas, Maria Tejada of Kingsville, Manuela Herrera of Slaton, Delores Herrera of Arizona and Antonia Ramirez of Houston; a brother, Jesus Garza of Mathis; a sister, Ramona Flores of Refugio; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens MENU

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

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Tuesday: Pork Chops, Butter Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Rice or Bread Pudding.

Wednesday: Beef Tips, Green Beans, Mexican Rice, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, Cookies.

Thursday: Fried/Baked Fish, New Potatoes with Sauce, Broccoli, Celery Sticks, Wheat Roll, Cake.

Friday: Polish Sausage, Cabbage, Green Beans, Pickle, Cornbread, Pumpkin Crunch.

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ROUGH RIDE — Tahoka Elementary student Kyler Pebsworth is strapped in a Pediatric Spine Board by Lynn County EMS Coordinator Jeanie Stone to demonstrate how immovable a person is when strapped in the spine board. Looking on are Tahoka Elementary students Adam Arriaga (far left), Kristin Box, Alex DeLeon and Chris Flores, along with Coach Scotty Bruington. The demonstration took place during the County-Wide Health Fair, sponsored by the Lynn County Hospital, held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym last Thursday. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

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The Blessing

by Jude Deveraux

When wealthy, hard-driving corporate genius Jason Wilding reluctantly takes a break from his business for a Christmas visit to his hometown in Abernathy, Kentucky, he has no idea what his physician brother, David, has in store for him. It seems that Amy Thompson, a whimsical young widow has captured David's heart, but courting

her with a demanding baby in tow has been difficult. In order to pursue her, he persuades Jason to move into her home and take care of her spoiled but adorable son, Max, for a week.

For Jason, it's an impossible scene, but Amy's joy for life, her love for her son, and her sparkling humor are irresistible. His feelings are thawing, and the attraction is mutual, but what to do about David?

Once again, Jude Deveraux's deft

hand and loving vision conjure up a novel full of surprises and delights, in a story that will warm our hearts and make us believe in the power of miracles.

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From Fashion Swatches To Dusty Fields:

Lynn County Woman Swaps Decorating Career For Farming

by Greg Pierson
 Texas Tech Journalism Student

Imagine a career change after reaching that golden age of 65, when life is supposed to relax somewhat. And, imagine that career change is from interior decorating to driving a tractor, working the land with your own hands, and making decisions about planting and harvesting. Sound a little unusual, or even hard to believe?

Well, don't tell Lynn County cotton producer Margaret Cox, because that's just what she did ... and she is making a success of it. She works hard to make sure she has a good crop every year. Her husband and son have died and she is still trying to enjoy life. She says being in the field is what she enjoys, and that is what she does.

Mrs. Cox is not the youngest woman in Lynn County, but she doesn't seem to know it, from the way she acts and the things she does. She is a hands-on farmer who is not afraid to get a little dirty every day of her life.

"I find my only true peace in the field," says the former interior decorator.

Prior to her son's death in 1991, Mrs. Cox was an interior decorator and artist. During this time she used to go to fancy parties and other formal occasions where she would dress up. She says her days like those are over; now she goes into the field every day in her blue jeans and old shirt and feels at peace with herself. She completely decorated her house, but she says that is the last of her interior decorating.

These days, Mrs. Cox goes out to work on her farm every day, a

quarter section located off FM 213 north of O'Donnell. She tries working on something no matter how difficult or simple. She hoes weeds herself, waters the corners of her field by herself, tends to her pivot and takes care of what ever else needs to be done.

Mrs. Cox does everything from plowing to planting and claims she loves to drive her tractors. When it comes to heavy lifting and moving she does have a little help. She has two helpers who assist her with these things, but the helpers say they have trouble keeping up with her. She works the land hard every day because she says she feels God wants her to do so.

Mrs. Cox says that during the years following her husband's and son's death she was "mad at God," and turned her anger towards the land. Every day she would work from dawn until dusk. "I would work until my hands bled and I could work no more," she recalls.

"I was keeping all my anger inside, and the field was the only place I could let it out," she continues.

Realizing that being in the field was the only thing that made her happy, things started looking up. She went to town and bought a John Deere tractor and away she went, plowing and planting her 120 acres. She began talking to people in Tahoka who were involved in the agriculture industry, gaining more information about how to grow a better crop.

Her neighbors came over to share advice and talk about the current problems in the world and their lives.

Mrs. Cox gives thanks for her friends and neighbors, saying, "I would not have been able to make it

without the help of my fellow farmers."

At least once a day someone is in her kitchen visiting, she says. Some of the young farmers come by to seek her advice on farming and on life.

April is Mrs. Cox's favorite month of the year and that is when she likes to plant her cotton. This year her cotton was planted on April 27. Everyone thought she was planting too early, but she says she made a "wonderful crop."

As for planting time, the Lynn County woman says she can feel it in her bones. "I just know when to plant because I get a wonderful feeling inside," she explains.

One thing Mrs. Cox says she likes to do to help her cotton is row watering. Up until 1993 she watered the entire quarter section by row water. In 1993 she bought a center pivot system that waters most of the quarter. The corners that the pivot leaves behind she waters with row water.

"I love to go out late at night and check on the water. I like to see the moon light glistening off the water as it stands in the rows," she says. She also says when she can see the water standing in the rows she knows her crop is getting enough water.

"I just like to see the water out there in the field," she says.

After bringing in her cotton crop, Mrs. Cox planted her land in wheat and is excited that it has already come up.

It's a far cry from interior decorating, but the life of a cotton farmer seems to suit Margaret Cox after all these years.

And in case you were wondering — she is 76 years of age, and still going strong.



'AT HOME' IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT - Margaret Cox, a Lynn County cotton producer, finds that she enjoys driving a tractor and working her quarter section of irrigated land north of O'Donnell. A former interior decorator and artist, she began hands-on farming herself after the deaths of her husband and son several years ago. (LCN PHOTO by Greg Pierson)

STORK REPORT

Doug and Maritia Barham of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Carson Yates, born at 5:44 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

He has 7-year-old brother, Garrett, and a big sister, Madeline, 3. Grandparents are Bill and Catherine Barham of Tahoka, Ronnie and Marie Fowlkes of Bangs and the late Genevieve Fowlkes.

Great-grandmother is Kathryn Roberson of Comanche.

Brent and Jennifer Fowler of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Jordan Lynn Allison, born at 1:24 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She has an older sister Jessica DeAnn, 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fowler of Azle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tredwell and Mr. and Mrs. James Bingham, all of Tahoka.

Great-grandfather is Thomas M. Phillips of Tahoka.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY
People of the Masks
 by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear

In *People of the Masks*, the Gears take us to the northeastern region of North America, to the homeland of the Iroquois, in what is now known as New York and Ontario. They tell a tale of greed and the lust for power that began nine winters earlier with the birth of a child who will change the fate of his people forever.

His name is Rumbler, though the Elders call him False Face Child, the name the prophets gave him when they foretold the birth of this powerful child. As he nears maturity and approaches his true potential, many greedy warriors covet the young boy as a weapon to use against their enemies. None is as ruthless as the war leader, Jumping Badger, who murders the boy's mother and burns their village to the ground.

Eventually, Rumbler escapes with the help of a twelve-year-old village girl named Wren, and they are pursued across the winter landscape. Jumping Badger now fears the boy's power and seeks to kill him. The pair's only hope is to stay alive long enough to find Rumbler's legendary father, known only as The Dis-owned.

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'Refunds And Exchanges' Booklet Available From BBB

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the Better Business Bureau has available a new booklet, *Refunds and Exchanges*, as part of its Consumer Information Series to help consumers make wise purchasing decisions.

"With the shopping season just beginning, consumers can save themselves a lot of hassles and possible headaches by knowing the business's refund and exchange policy before walking out of the store with their purchases," said Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains. "This new brochure provides very clear and concise information that customers and businesses need to make the shopping experience a pleasant and profitable one for all concerned."

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- If the product has a separate written warranty, does this warranty affect the means by which I can return it?

For a single, free copy of *Refunds and Exchanges*, call (806) 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890, or fax the request with your mailing address to (806) 744-9748 or email the Bureau at info@bbbsouthplains.org with your request.

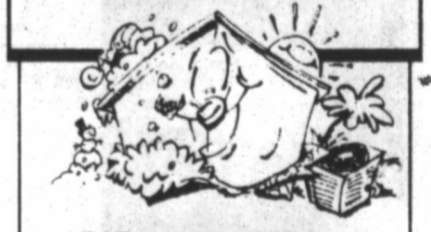


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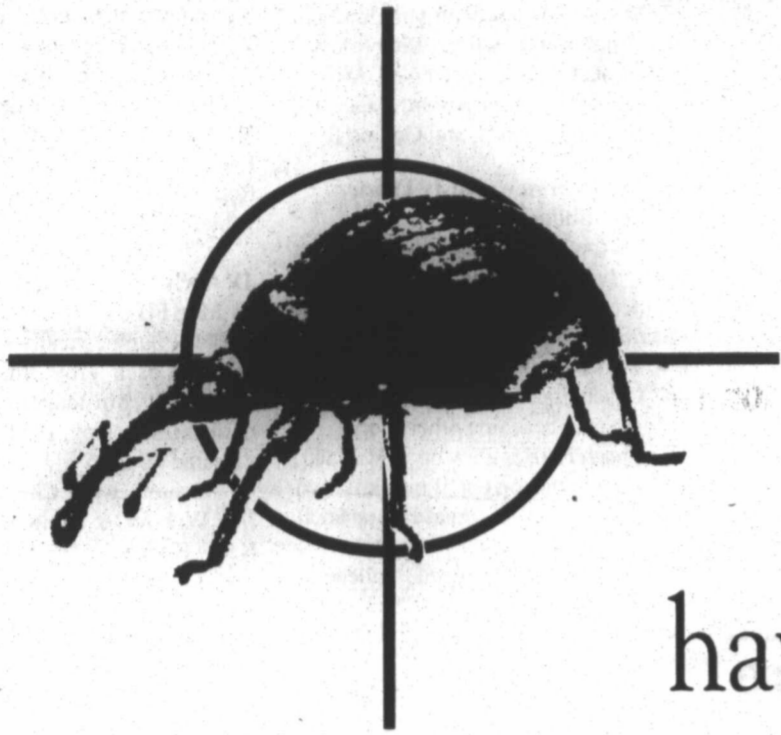
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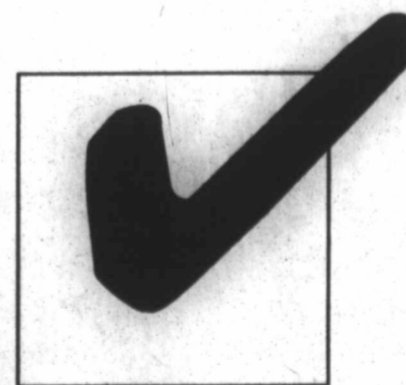


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Ballots were mailed on November 18th and must be returned by December 9th. The proposed assessment is \$12.00/acre for irrigated and \$6.00/acre for dryland acreage in cotton production.

Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Modification To Step 2 Supported By PCG

LUBBOCK, November 20, 1998 By Shawn Wade

Low producer prices for cotton and grain, and a falling Adjusted World Price (AWP) are beginning to create Loan Deficiency Payment/Marketing Loan Gain payment limitation problems for some producers.

The crux of the problem is that producers who reach the \$75,000 payment limit may not be able to stay price competitive because they are ineligible for either an LDP or a marketing loan gain from commodities pledged as collateral in the loan.

There appears to be only one way around this problem; the issuance of generic certificates for Step 2 payments that can be redeemed for cotton in the loan, in lieu of cash, at the Step 2 recipients request.

Cotton redeemed from the loan with certificates would keep producers who are close to their payment limit competitive in the market and would not count against their payment limit.

Cotton redeemed with certificates is not counted against a producers payment limit while the marketing loan gain from cash redemption's is added to the total counted against the LDP payment limit.

The Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to issue certificates instead of cash for Step 2 payments, however, in order for this to be helpful for cotton he

would also have to allow the redemption of loans with certificates.

Currently certificates can only be used to purchase CCC-owned commodities, not commodities held as collateral for loans.

Producers who reach their LDP payment limit could be forced, under current rules, to forfeit any available LDP or have their cotton in the loan become ineligible for redemption at the AWP.

PCG and other cotton industry groups are in the process of asking the Secretary of Agriculture to issue Step 2 certificates to those that request them and to allow certificates to be used to take cotton out of the loan.

WHP Growers Vote on Boll Weevil Eradication

Ballots have been mailed to cotton producers and landlords in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who will now decide whether or not to mount a concerted effort to rid themselves of the boll weevil.

The Western High Plains Eradication Zone consists of five counties: Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, and parts of Terry and Lynn. Altogether the zone contains an estimated 800,000 acres of boll weevil infested cotton.

Referendum participants will vote on three separate items: establishment of the WHP zone; establishment of a maximum assessment rate of \$6 per land acre - dryland and \$12 per land acre - irrigated; and elect a member to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

Tahoka School News

by THE Grow Staff

7th Boys by Keely Boone

The Tahoka seventh grade boys basketball team played in the Idalou tournament last weekend. In the first game Abernathy defeated the Bulldogs 37-25. High scorer was Michael Nance with 14. Other scorers were Zack Collins, Frankie Arriaga, and Colby Williams.

The Dogs went into a second game with Hale Center. The Dogs took care of business and won 42-20. The leading scorer for the dogs was Nance with 16. Other scorers were Arriaga, Landon Bartley, Collins, Chris Engle, and Williams.

Teacher Interview: Rusty Frazier by Keely Boone

For the third year in a row the Tahoka varsity basketball boys are getting acquainted with a new coach. Rusty Frazier, a Midland High School ex, is the new head boys basketball coach.

Coach Frazier also teaches Algebra and assists in coaching other sports. Coach Frazier grew up in Midland, graduated in the top ten of his class, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Coach Frazier attended college at Howard Payne College and The University of Texas Permian Basin where he earned a B.S. degree.

Coach Frazier has a double major in math and history. He is currently working on a master's degree.

Coach Frazier has previously taught at Midland Christian and has taught for four years. Coach Frazier says he enjoys teaching and that his favorite thing about coaching is competition.

Athletic Director Troy Hinds knew about Coach Frazier and called him to come interview when the Tahoka basketball coach resigned late in the summer. An issue Coach Frazier feels strongly about is the impeachment of President Clinton.

Coach Frazier and his wife Misti have been married for seven years. They live in Tahoka and have a 22-month-old daughter named Erica. His impression of Tahoka is that it is a very family-oriented town.

Varsity Boys Basketball by Brad Pebworth

The Dawgs came up short to the Denver City Mustangs 60-53 after coming back from 26 points. Brad Pebworth led the Dogs with 25 points, Jordan Sarchet 9, Sedrick Williams 7 and Brady Raindl put in 2.

The Dogs dropped another close one to Abernathy, 49-48. Pebworth led with 15, Shaun W. 12, Sarchet 9 and Sedrick W. 6.

Varsity Girls Basketball by Courtney Stennett

The Lady Bulldogs started off the season, Nov. 17, against 3A Denver City. They came up short 73-36 but held the Mustangs from scoring in the fourth quarter.

Leading scorer was Courtney Stennett with 11. Tancy DeLeon put in 7, Chelsea White and Kassidi Andrews had 6, while Amanda Puentes and Jana Eudy had 3.

Leading the boards was Courtney with 9. Amanda led in steals with 5. "There are a lot of positive things to say about this team," said Coach Troy Hinds.

The girls played sixth-ranked Abernathy last Friday. The Dogs played a close game til halftime, then the Antelopes pulled away to win 67-32.

Leading scorer was Amanda with 9. Courtney put in 7, Chelsea and Kelli Whitley had 4, Tancy and Kassidi added 3, while Lezli Gandy and Klyssa Kelln had 1 each. Courtney led with 9 boards, and Amanda led with 3 steals.

The Abernathy Coach told Coach Hinds that in her halftime talk with her team she had to remind them that they needed to step it up or they would get beat by a young team. After the game she went to shake Hinds' hand and she told him that the Tahoka girls are going to win some ballgames and they'll be ready for district.

JV Boys by Casey Jones

The Tahoka JV Boys basketball team opened their season last Tuesday night with a 76-34 loss to Denver City. After a slow first half, the Bulldogs finally picked up the pace in the second half with 26 points.

Larry Davis led all scorers with 8 points and Michael DeLeon chipped in with 7, while J.B. Sepeda put in 6.

The JV was defeated 58-31 by Abernathy. Losing the battle of the boards (rebounds) and low shooting percentage cost the Bulldogs in this one.

Cory Gardner scored the individual high point with 6, Jeffrey Antu had 5, and Kevin Rodriguez had 4.

JV team members include Brian Alvarado, Antu, Fernando Castro, Davis, Michael DeLeon, Jeff Elmore, James Eudy, Anthony Garza, Casey Jones, Rodriguez, Sepeda, Gardner and Randy White.

JV Girls by Meg Flynn

The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs, led by Coach Troy Hinds, played the Denver City Mustangs in their first game of the season, Nov. 17. The Ladies were defeated 62-24.

Scorers were Chelsey Miller, 12; Judi Webster, 6; Kimberly Craig, 3; and Keely Boone, 2.

The Ladies played the Abernathy Antelopes Nov. 20. The Dogs were stomped 52-4. Scorers were Lesley Chapa, 2, and Stefanie Dotson, 2.

"People need to realize that we're playing as an all freshman team and that Abernathy only had two freshmen," said Coach Hinds. "The freshmen are still maturing and will realize that if they continue to practice and work hard the way they have been. Things will come together," he added.

Other JV team members are Kalah Bartley, Nina Follis, Nicole Green, Valerie Lopez, Mandy Sanders, Molly Sarchet, D'Lynn Stone, and Brandi Tekell.

Freshman Boys by Sarah Hawthorne

The Freshmen boys lost by nine to Abernathy Monday, Nov. 17. Josh Thompson led the Bulldogs with 16 points in the 63-54 game.

Mark Long scored 14 points and Cory Gardner 13, Stephen Solorzano 4, Jordan Vega 3, Leslie White and Ren Ellis scored 2 each.

"I think we did well with only having three practices before this game," said Mark Long.

Other players are Chris McAllister and Gabriel Casiro.

"I think they did very good for their first game," said Coach Rusty Frazier.

8th Boys by Keely Boone

The Eighth Grade boys' books were unavailable. The scores will be posted in next week's newspaper.

Tahoka School Menu

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles, Peaches, Milk.
Tuesday: Egg Biscuits, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Donuts, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Friday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Salad, Apple, Milk.
Tuesday: Ham, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk.
Wednesday: Corn Dogs, Salad, Sliced Potatoes, Milk.
Thursday: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Corn, Orange Slices, Milk.
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Service News

Army Pvt. Nicky W. Metcalf Jr. has graduated from the motor transport operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the course, the student received training in the operation and maintenance of light and heavy military vehicles. Instructions were given in transportation of personnel, equipment, and supplies.

Metcalf is the son of Nicky W. Metcalf Sr. of Odessa, and Vickie J. Riddle of Tahoka.

He graduated from Wilson High School in 1998.

Air Force Airman Rebecca D. Curtis has graduated from the information management apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

The student learned administrative support and office management for functional staff elements. The course included instruction on keyboard functions, microcomputer operations, document and computer security; message communications, management of publications, forms, and records; mail handling and electronic forms preparation.

Curtis is the daughter of Carrie L. Curtis and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Line of O'Donnell.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of O'Donnell High School.



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Three Traffic Accidents Investigated In County

Two traffic accidents in Tahoka and another about 6.7 miles west of New Home were among incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

A 1998 Peterbilt truck owned by New Home Co-Op Gin and driven by Maximiliano Vargas Jr., 45, of a Lubbock route, turned over on its side as the wheels ran off the pavement on FM 211. Vargas was taken to St. Mary's Hospital by Lynn County EMS ambulance for treatment of possible injuries. The accident was investigated by the Dept. of Public Safety.

Tahoka Police officers were called to two accidents, each involving only one vehicle. At N. 8th St. and Ave. L last Tuesday, Nov. 17, a 1989 Toyota Tercel driven by Kayla Denell Wilson, 16, of Tahoka, struck a parked boat trailer owned by Dan Parsons of Abilene. There were no injuries.

At Ave. J and S. 4th St. Sunday a passenger fell out of a 1985 Pontiac driven by Amy Marie Stoops, 16, of Tahoka. As the car was turning the corner, passenger Chris Resendez, 19, of Tahoka, who was leaning against the door and it came open, causing him to fall out. He was taken to Lynn County Hospital by private vehicle for treatment of apparently minor injuries.

Two crimes over the weekend were quickly solved, as sheriff's officers arrested a Lamesa man for an armed robbery of a store in O'Donnell and arrested two juveniles for a burglary of New Home High School. Abel Juan Guzman, 26, of Lamesa, was arrested in Lamesa Sunday after the robbery about 2 a.m. Saturday. Guzman, who apparently displayed a knife in the robbery, was charged

with armed robbery.

Others jailed during the week included one man wanted for various offenses in four counties: unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Tom Green County, driving while intoxicated in Lynn County, aggravated armed robbery in Marshall County, and no liability insurance in San Angelo. In addition, five persons were jailed for public intoxication, one for application to revoke probation on conviction for injury to a child (Travis County), plus driving while license suspended and bond forfeiture, one for DWI and open container law violation plus driving while license suspended, and one person for deadly conduct/discharge of firearm and burglaries of habitation, building and vehicle.

New At The Library

The Cat Who Sang for the Birds
by Lilian Jackson Braun
Spring has come early to Moose County and newspaper columnist and millionaire philanthropist Jim Qwilleran has had the apple barn he calls home remodeled, and even added a gazebo. But instead of the gentle communion with nature he had hoped to share with his two Siamese cats, Koko and Yum Yum, Qwill is awakened each morning to a chorus of trills, chirrups, whistles and warbles that has the cats screaming to join the action. To top it all off, Koko has taken to rehearsing the birds tunes and Qwill thinks Koko might be trying to tell him something about how all of the recent trouble in Moose County is connected...but what could it be?

First, someone spray painted WITCH on the side of Widow Coggin's barn, and then a fire erupted on the farm, taking the life of Widow Coggin. Qwill is determined to discover who could be responsible. Several other strange things have been going on in Pickax and springtime turns out to be anything but peaceful.

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GETTING FINGERPRINTED — Sara Zuniga, a second grader at Tahoka Elementary, gets fingerprinted by Lynn County Deputy Mark Roye for the Kid Print program sponsored by the Lynn County Sheriff's Department and Tahoka Police Department at the recent County-Wide Health Fair. The Health Fair, sponsored by Lynn County Hospital, was held last Thursday in the Tahoka Elementary Gym. (LCN PHOTO)

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Perry Reminds Pesticide Applicators To Obtain CEUs Before Deadline

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry reminds pesticide applicators to check to see if they have the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license. Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 1999, renewal date.

"Applicators should check their CEUs while there's still plenty of time to get the credits," Perry said. "Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use. It's important to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form that they

should receive by early December.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: law and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Perry advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512)463-7548 for a list of approved courses. More information about licenses, renewals and CEU courses is available on the TDA web site (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm).

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- THE DROUGHT HAS CAUSED TEXAS TO LOSE 25% OF OUR PRODUCERS. HOW MANY MORE MARGINAL PRODUCERS WILL BE LOST BECAUSE OF ASSESSMENTS THAT DRAG ON FOR 10 YEARS?
- FEWER PRODUCERS MEAN MORE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES. WHY WOULD WE VOTE FOR A PROGRAM THAT WILL DECREASE THE NUMBER OF VOICES SUPPORTING RURAL TEXAS?
- TEXAS A & M AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HAVE AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS ON THE FACULTY. WHY ISN'T SOMEONE SUGGESTING AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, WITH UNIFORM PLANTING DATES AND A DIAPAUSE PROGRAM?
- VOTING INSTRUCTIONS STATE: INITIATION OF AN ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT ON OBTAINING FINANCING AND COST-SHARE FUNDING. THE MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT TO BE VOTED ON ASSUMES THERE WILL BE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL COST-SHARE FUNDS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, FINANCING MUST BE ARRANGED TO BRIDGE THE GROWERS' CONTRIBUTION PLUS THE COST-SHARE FUNDING TO MEET THE BUDGETED PER ACRE PROGRAM COST. THE AMOUNT OF FINANCING REQUIRED DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE AMOUNT OF STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE OBTAINED. WHO ARE WE BORROWING FROM AND AT WHAT INTEREST RATE?
- WHY ARE WE BEING ASKED TO *VOTE NOW* INSTEAD OF WAITING TO BE *CERTAIN* HOW MUCH STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THIS SITUATION, WHICH IS INDUSTRY-WIDE?
- TEXANS HAVE JUST ELECTED A NEW LT. GOVERNOR, RICK PERRY, AND A NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, SUSAN COMBS. THE LEGISLATURE MEETS IN 2 MONTHS. THE REFERENDUM INDICATES A START DATE OF FALL, 1999. WHY DON'T WE WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY WILL DO FOR PRODUCERS?
- IN THE LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL ON NOVEMBER 19TH, AN ARTICLE RAN UNDER THIS HEADLINE: STATE LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM FUNDS. WHY DID THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL BY DUNCAN AND JUNELL COME ON THE SAME DAY THAT BALLOTS WERE MAILED?
- AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS CONTRIBUTE SEVERAL BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO OUR STATE'S ECONOMY EACH YEAR. WHY CAN'T OUR LEGISLATORS HELP US IN SOME MANNER THAT IS LESS EXPENSIVE FOR PRODUCERS?
- DUNCAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WANT GROWERS TO KNOW IF THEY'LL DO THEIR PART, WE'LL WORK TO DO OURS. REP. JUNELL AND I ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR PASSAGE AND FUNDING OF THIS LEGISLATION." WHEN HAVE WE NOT DONE OUR PART AND WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO "BRIBE" US INTO VOTING FOR THIS ZONE PROPOSAL BY OFFERING TO HELP ONLY IF WE VOTE THEIR WAY?
- IF IT LOOKS LIKE, ACTS LIKE, FEELS LIKE AND SMELLS LIKE A SKUNK, IT IS PROBABLY A SKUNK. DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE FOUNDATION WILL ERADICATE BOLL WEEVILS IN 4 YEARS?
- WHAT IS OUR RECOURSE IF WE WIND UP LIKE THE VALLEY WITH BEET ARMYWORMS AND NO BENEFICIALS LEFT AFTER THE SPRAYING?
- THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ASSESSMENTS CAN BE UP TO \$25.00 PER ACRE. COULD WE LOSE OUR LAND IF WE HAVE ANOTHER SERIOUS DROUGHT NEXT YEAR AND NO ONE HAS MONEY TO PAY THE ASSESSMENTS?

IF YOU ARE QUESTIONED THAT YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS, VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE.

PAID FOR BY LINDA LOWREY, P. O. BOX 669, PLAINS, TX 79355, RURAL ADVOCATE AND PRODUCER'S WIFE.



EARLY-DAY BRANDING TIME—Above is a photo made just after the year 1900 at Moore's Draw, later just called Draw, in Lynn County. The photo belongs to O.C. Harrison of Tahoka, whose wife, the former Leta Cleo Fortenberry, was born on a ranch near Denver City, and who lived at Grassland from 1945 to 1982. Mrs. Harrison died in 1993, and she left many photos of early-day Lynn County and Dawson County activities.

New Ballots On Boll Weevil Referendum Mailed This Week

The Texas Department of Agriculture this week said new boll weevil referendum ballots are being mailed to cotton growers in the five-county Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. Cotton producers are urged to utilize the new cream-colored ballots in a Dec. 9 referendum that will determine whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Western High Plains Zone and set a maximum assessment.

Due to an error by an Austin printing company, ballots with incorrect farm numbers and acreage were mailed to some producers in the area. The incorrect ballots were sent with a green return envelope. The mistake was the sole responsibility of the printing company and not caused by the Texas Department of Agriculture or the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Producers should discard the white ballot and green envelope initially sent to them. Cotton producers who have already returned a white ballot in the accompanying green envelope to TDA are urged to recast their vote utilizing the cream-colored ballot.

Note that no white ballot will be considered valid in this referendum and will not be counted.

Eligible voters in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone should receive an official cream-colored ballot by mail after Nov. 23. A postage-paid return envelope, along with a letter of explanation and apology from the printing company, will be included.

Completed cream-colored ballots must be postmarked before midnight Dec. 9 to be counted.

Producers who planted cotton this year, but do not receive a ballot should immediately contact the TDA at (512) 463-7593 or 1-800-TELL-

TDA (1-800-835-5832).

To officially establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Western High Plains Zone and set an assessment, the proposition must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the Dec. 9 referendum, or those voting in favor must farm more than 50 percent of the zone's acreage.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should begin in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the Western High Plains Zone to serve on the state-wide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. TDA received one nomination for this po-

sition before the Nov. 9 filing deadline.

The name of Don Parrish of Yoakum County will appear on the ballot as a board nominee. Parrish is a cotton producer who farms in the zone and has grown cotton for at least seven years. Parrish currently serves as the Commissioner-appointed director for the Western High Plains Zone.

The Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of approximately 875,000 acres in Andrews, Gaines, and Yoakum counties as well as parts of Terry and Lynn counties.

65th Annual Farm Bureau Meeting Slated In Lubbock

As members of the Texas Farm Bureau get ready to converge in Lubbock for their 65th annual meeting, the president of the state's largest farm organization cited the intense production and economic challenges facing agriculture today.

"As an organization, we need to set our sights and focus on what Farm Bureau can do in 1999 to help our agricultural industry," said TFB President Bob Stallman. "This is a critical time for our industry and our organization."

Stallman noted that drought and low commodity prices across the board are contributing to the problems of those in the agricultural industry. He said what happens on the farm will directly affect the South Plains economy.

"For example, the value added agricultural impact of the nine counties surrounding Lubbock was nearly \$1.3 billion last year," Stallman said. In Lubbock County alone, the value added agricultural impact is nearly \$170 million. "The value added agricultural impact for the other eight counties was: Crosby, \$89,899; Floyd, \$168,532; Garza, \$27,742; Hale, \$202,102; Hockley, \$153,424; Lamb, \$245,451; Lynn, \$100,263; Terry, \$138,251.

"Although numbers are not in for 1998, the double whammy of low prices and drought will drastically cut into producers' revenues. This translates into fewer dollars being spent in local communities."

The setting for the meeting, which runs from Nov. 28-Dec. 2, is the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Stallman predicted delegates will develop policy to guide the organization in tackling those problems the last two days of the convention.

"Our members realize the 65th

annual meeting will be as important as any that have ever come before it," Stallman said.

Meanwhile, Stallman noted that U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will speak at the convention Monday morning. In addition, invitations have been extended to Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Governor-elect Rick Perry, Attorney General-elect John Cornyn, Agricultural Commissioner-elect Susan Combs, Land Commissioner-elect David Dewhurst, Railroad Commissioner-elect Tony Garza and Comptroller-elect Carole Keaton Ryland to speak Tuesday afternoon.

Stallman will address the convention Monday morning.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 Although I no longer have any connection to the Boll Weevil Foundation, I feel we must support the referendum now in progress for the following reasons:

1. Although the proposed program is a little more costly than the old diapause program, on average it is very little more on a cotton acre basis. The irrigated will go up more, dryland will be about the same as the old program. As I recall, the average assessment for Lynn County was \$5.80/acre on dryland, the new one is

set at \$6.00 per acre. Irrigated was some higher but don't remember how much, but it was based on yield.

2. There is a better than even chance we will get some kind of government assistance, maybe as much as the other zones, up to 30%.

3. E.P.A. is currently reviewing the label for malathion and has already announced the likelihood of cancelling some of the organo-phosphates. I don't think they will cancel uses for ongoing pest eradication projects.

4. We didn't see as much infestation this year because of the drought, but they will return with a vengeance. I am afraid we will get a chance to make a big crop one of these years with good rain etc. and the boll weevil will eat us up and not let us make

the yield we should.

I hope the farmers and landlords will support this vital program. We need the supporters to talk to their neighbors and friends and urge them to support this important program.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Wayne Huffaker

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Boll Weevil Eradication

Cotton producers in Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, and Terry counties, and the southern half of Lynn County are being asked to decide by December 9, 1998 on whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the five-county Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. Cotton producers are urged to obtain the facts necessary to cast an informed vote.

Get the facts, make your decision to vote yes or no, and vote. Your vote is important.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY DECEMBER 9, 1998.

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Answer:
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 Eradication Foundation
 with oversight from the
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 Grower Steering
 Committee.

Question:
 Have We Voted On
 This Before?

Answer:
 No, All previous votes
 regarding the boll weevil
 have been on suppression
 programs. This is an
 Eradication
 Program.

Question:
 How Much Will
 Eradication Cost?

Answer:
 \$6/ Land Acre-Dryland
 &
 \$12/Land Acre-Irrigated
 Assessment collections
 will last no more
 than 10 years.

Question:
 Where Will WHP
 Assessment Money
 Be Spent?

Answer:
 All assessments collected
 in the zone will STAY in
 the WHP Program.
 Grower funds cannot
 be transferred
 between zones.

Question:
 Can I Afford This
 Assessment?

Answer:
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The New Home News
 by Karon Durham • 924-7448

There will be a blood drive benefiting Rebel Thomas, father of Georgia Clem, on Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

St. Mary's mobile mammogram unit will be at New Home schools on Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. Call Karon Durham at 924-7524 for an appointment. If it has been over a year since your last mammogram or if you are over 40 years of age and have never had a mammogram, please call and schedule an appointment for this lifesaving test. Medicare and insurance will be accepted.

Please save your wrapping paper tubes for Accelerated Reading. Also, individually wrapped small candy may be donated for prize tubes for the AR prize cabinet. You can give items to Betty Holder or Karon Durham.

If you have any old coats that you would like to pass on to someone else, you can bring them to the school nurse's office and Karon Durham will get them to someone in need.

The Lady Leopards got off to a flying start defeating Loop's Lady Longhorns 48-23. The team has depth with 13 ladies this year. High scorers were

Stephanie Kieth with 17, and Serena Gonzales with 10. Lauren Wied and Brooke Kieth kicked in 6 each. Coach Treasure Thaggard said, "I'm impressed with these young ladies and how well they played together. It doesn't matter what combination of girls is working the floor, they play together."

Karon Durham would like to thank the people that donated their time or prizes (or both) to make New Home school's Red Ribbon Week possible.

New Home School Menu

Nov. 30-Dec. 4
Breakfast
 Monday: Waffles, Milk.
 Tuesday: Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.
 Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Milk.
 Thursday: Cereal/Elfin Loaf, Milk.
 Friday: Biscuit/Sausage, Milk.

Lunch
 Monday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Texas Toast, Milk.
 Tuesday: Breaded Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Cheese Rolls, Milk.
 Wednesday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Jello w/Fruit, Milk.
 Thursday: Fried Burrito, Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Sunrize Salad, Milk.
 Friday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spears, Ranch Style Beans, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

Pre-Plant Soil Moisture Survey Begins In Area

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are now collecting data for the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The annual survey is conducted to determine general pre-plant soil moisture availability and deficit trends within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area. Information gathered during the survey enables producers to conserve ground water by applying only what is needed to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity during pre-plant irrigation.

There are areas within the Water District that are expected to have very good soil moisture conditions, according to Assistant Manager Ken Carver.

"The northern portions of Bailey, Lamb, Hale, and Floyd Counties received heavy amounts of rainfall during the harvest season. The southern portions of Bailey, Lamb, Hale, and Floyd Counties, as well as Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, and Lynn Counties will likely show much drier conditions as they did not receive the above-average rainfall amounts," he said.

Three teams are now collecting pre-plant soil moisture data in the northern portion of the Water District. They will work their way south as the pre-plant soil moisture survey data collection progresses.

"We begin data collection in November each year to avoid as much bad weather as possible," said Carver. "Also, we want to finish the survey before producers begin irrigating winter crops."

Terry Bridges and Glenn Blackmon are working in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties.

Weather permitting, data collection for the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey should be completed by the end of December.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use troxler neutron moisture meters to gather data at more than 300 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the Water District. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot root zone profile by lowering the neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Precipitation information will be gathered from approximately 400 rain gauge sites during the last week of December.

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected according to soil type, local crops grown, and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer, which indicates potential water well yields. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming practices in the area where the site is selected.

Data collected is used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps, as well as the results of the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey, will be published in the Water District's monthly newsletter, *The Cross Section*, prior to the pre-plant irrigation season.

Additional information about the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey is available from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

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As proof, look no further than the menu at your favorite restaurant. A recent survey of the top 200 restaurant chains reveals a 40 percent jump in pork appearing as a new menu item. While ham and sausage continue to be a staple on the breakfast menu, pork chops and pork ribs are again finding their way onto the lunch and dinner plates.

A big reason for this is the simple fact that pork carries a one-two punch essential to making it into diets of the 90s. To meet consumer preferences, pork producers have worked to develop products with an average 31 percent less fat and 14 percent fewer calories compared with just 10 years ago.

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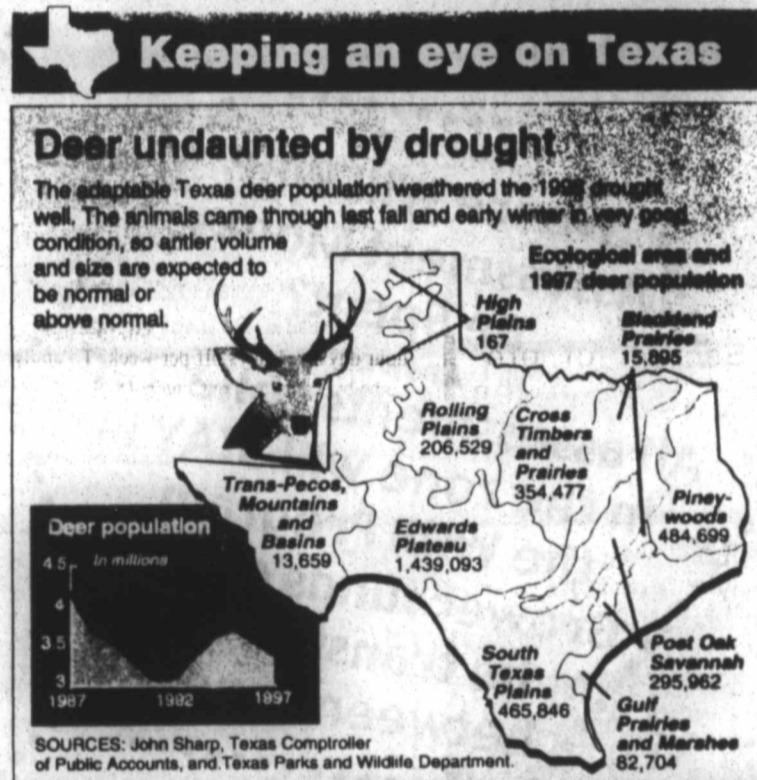
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Nov. 20	Abernathy	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Nov. 24	Lorenzo	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	4:00/5:30/7:00
Nov. 28	Morton	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	1:00/2:30/4:00/5:30
Dec. 1	Littlefield	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Dec. 3-5	Denver City +	There	Boys' 9, JV, V	TBA
Dec. 3-5	Brownfield +	There	Girls' 9, JV	TBA
Dec. 8	New Deal	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Dec. 10-12	New Deal +	There	Boys/Girls' V	TBA
Dec. 10-12	Sundown +	There	Boys/Girls' JV	TBA
Dec. 15	Idalou	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Dec. 18	Sudan	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	3:00/4:30/6:00
Dec. 28-30	Littlefield +	There	Boys/Girls' V	TBA
Jan. 2	Lorenzo	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	2:00/3:30/5:00
Jan. 5	Lbb. Cooper	Here	Boys' JV, V	6:00/7:30
Jan. 8	Plains *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 12	Coahoma *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 14, 16	Dist. JV +	Seagraves	Boys/Girls' JV	TBA
Jan. 15	Stanton *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 19	Post *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 22	Seagraves *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 26	Plains *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
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Feb. 5	Poet *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
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Ethel Philpot
 48-1tp

Thank you to the people of Tahoka for the cards, prayers and expressions of concern during my recent illness.

Loretta Webster
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I would like to thank Nan Beth (my younger sister) for making my birthday so special. It can't be said that people can't keep a secret...I did not have a clue. Thanks to everyone that came to my surprise party. Thanks also for the cards, gifts, flowers and phone calls - it was so nice to be remembered.

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The Wilson News
 by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Give space heaters lots of space, at least three feet away from anything. Don't use extension cords with electrical space heaters. The high amount of current they require could melt the cord and start a fire. When lighting a gas space heater, strike your match first, then turn on the gas. Always make sure that a gas space heater is used in a ventilated area since carbon monoxide is given off by burning gas.

The Wilson Lions Club met in a regular meeting last Thursday and after the meal. The group listened to Curtis and Linda Wilke talk about their trip to Alaska. Prior to the meeting, the group had hosted a blood drive and the results showed that 10 donors were accepted. The club wants to thank all those that came to donate.

Christmas is just around the corner and now is the time to begin talking about the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" project. This project which benefits underprivileged Lynn County kids will be seeking donations of new unwrapped toys for children up to 14 years old. Cash donations are also accepted as cash can be used to fill in the areas where the toy donations are short. The Wilson Lions Club is currently accepting toys and cash to be taken to Tahoka and donated to the project. For more information, contact Janet Porterfield at 998-4055, or any Wilson Lions Club member.

There is not a whole lot of activity at school this week since the kids have a three day holiday for Thanksgiving. Most activities are on hold until next week.

Students and parents are urged to mark their calendars for Tuesday, Dec. 1.

School picture re-takes will be done that day. Those who qualify for retakes should contact their building principal and make the necessary arrangements. Basketball pictures will also be taken that day.

Wilson basketball teams take a break for Thanksgiving with the next games scheduled for Nov. 30 when the junior high teams travel to Loop. The varsity will host Whitharral on Dec. 1, and the FM211 Shootout is scheduled for Dec. 3-5.

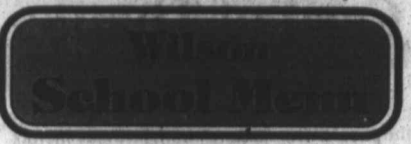
The Wilson Mustang Concert Bands will be holding their annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. The 3-4th grade Recorder Band, the 5-6th grade Cadet Band, the Mustang Jazz Band, and the high school band will all perform at the concert. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event.

Wilson Coop Gin reports that they have ginned about 12,000 bales of the 1998 cotton crop. Now that the weather has settled down to warm and dry, the quality of the cotton seems to be coming back up to where it was before the wet spells set in.

St. John Lutheran Church's Young at Heart annual Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3 at noon. Turkey and dressing will be furnished, but participants are asked to bring a covered dish, preferably a vegetable, salad or dessert. Area young at heart ladies and gentlemen are invited for a meal and fellowship.

David Pierce, Billy Jolley, Rob Buffa, Dale Stonecipher, and Kirk Couch would like to thank everyone for their

help in making the junior high tournament a wonderful success. The coaching staff appreciates all of you that volunteered to work the gate, book, clock, and hospitality room. Everyone was early and eager to help. We would also like to thank everyone that donated to the hospitality room. It is because of the wonderful people in the community that support us that we are able to hold tournaments and events such as these. Once again all the coaches and administration expresses our thanks for your help.



Nov. 30-Dec. 4 Breakfast
Monday: Muffins, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Biscuits & Sausage w/Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Graham Cracker Treats, Milk.
Tuesday: Hamburgers, Fries, Brownies, Milk.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli w/Cheese, Bread, (H.S.-Salad Bar), Milk.
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Time To Review Space Heater Safety

Anticipating "frost on the pumpkin" the Texas Railroad Commission says now is a good time for users of propane gas space heaters to review safety guidelines.

Colder fall and winter weather means Texans again will be relying on these handy little heaters to warm specific areas of their homes. In recent years, propane-gas-fueled space heaters have grown in popularity because they offer high energy efficiency and fuel savings.

There are two types of space heaters: direct-vent or vent-free. Direct-vent heaters require outside air to support combustion. They are typically installed on outside walls. Be sure to check the location of the outside vent to make sure it is free of debris.

Vent-free space heaters rely on inside air to support combustion and vent directly into a room. Newer types of unvented space heaters must have an oxygen-depletion sensor, which will automatically turn the unit off if oxygen levels in the room drop below a specified level.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency, says space heaters should be checked periodically by a local propane delivery company. A trained technician will inspect the unit, clean the control compartments and burner and check for proper operation.

Homeowners should also become familiar with the "rotten egg" odorant that has been added to propane gas for easy identification. If

you do smell gas, whether the heater is operating or not, follow these steps: 1) do not touch any electric switches, light matches or use the phone; 2) exit the structure immediately; 3) if there is an outside tank, turn off the gas valve; 4) telephone your propane supplier or fire department from a neighbor's phone.

The Railroad Commission also suggests that homeowners who fuel-furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer about having their propane delivery accounts put on "automatic." An automatic or "keep-full" account ensures that an adequate supply of gas will be available, no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, look under "propane/gas" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest dealer, or call the Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 1-800-64-CLEAR.

Funds Now Available For Energy Assistance

South Plains Community Action Assn., Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

The primary intent of this program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy induced hardship.

For additional information concerning this program please contact Sara Alvarado or Odella Sastre at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka or call 998-4521 or 998-4522. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bed Wetting... Should Parents Be Concerned?

by Doris Collins
 Lynn County Agent

Many parents have experienced the frustration of changing a wet bed after their child has stopped wearing diapers. They may feel they have failed to train the child properly, or that something is wrong with their child.

Children usually achieve daytime urinary control by age four and nighttime control by age six. However, about 15% of healthy children still wet the bed at age six. Without treatment, this percentage drops to 1% by age 14.

Often, a child who has nighttime problems but who has achieved good daytime control by age four, and has no history of urinary tract infection probably has no underlying physical disorder. This developmental delay will improve with time. Bed-wetting may be partly hereditary, with parents or older siblings having had the same problem.

Simple measures that may help the problem after age four include a low-caffeine diet (limit chocolate, tea, caffeine sodas), limit drinks two hours before bed and keep track of dry nights on a calendar. If the child wears a pull-up disposable underwear at night, it's a good idea to let him wear underwear occasionally. More aggressive treatment such as medication or alarm training to awaken the child during the night, might be considered after age six.

Parents can make the matter less embarrassing for the older child by providing lots of affirmation and encouragement, involve the older child with changing the sheets, and praise him/her on successful nights.

Finally, don't pressure or punish. Reassure the child that it is not his fault, and that the problem will soon get better. Focusing too much on the problem after age six, may result in the child developing a negative self-image. The best cure is simply to wait.

New At The Library
While Other People Sleep
 by Marcia Muller

With her agency going great guns, Sharon McCone is known as one of the best detectives in the business...until her untarnished reputation is threatened by an imposter. A mysterious woman is handing out McCone's business cards, advising clients, and picking up men for intimate encounters. The woman's physical resemblance to McCone is uncanny and her knowledge of McCone's life is chilling.

To make matters worse, McCone's office manager Ted, has been acting so oddly that his live-in lover asks McCone to investigate, which she reluctantly agrees to do. Soon the double breaks into McCone's house and leads her in a terrifying game of cat and mouse through the bizarre night side of San Francisco. Just as McCone begins to uncover Ted's desperate problem, the imposter escalates her dirty tricks. Now McCone must go one on one against an enemy with a sinister motive, and an insidious plan.

While Other People Sleep is the nineteenth book in a long-running series (now over two decades old) featuring detective Sharon McCone.

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